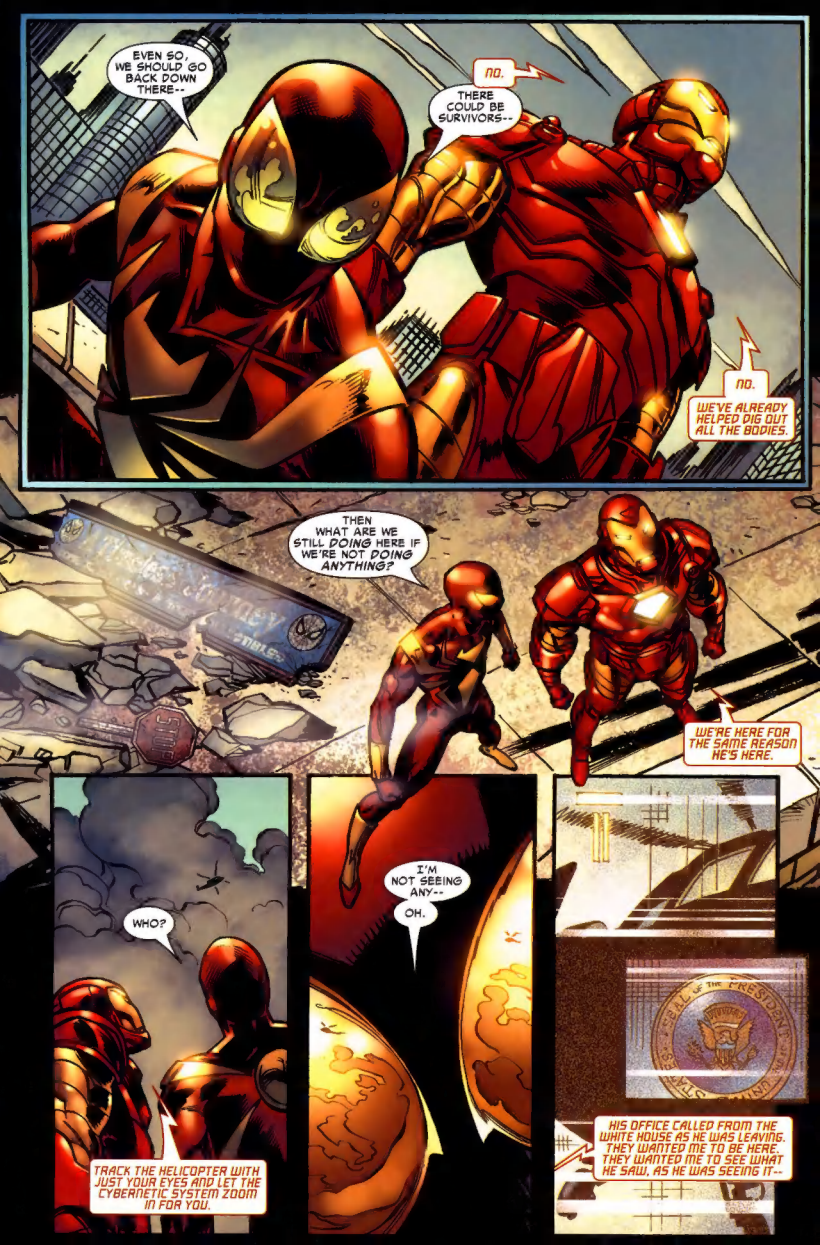
EVEN SO, WE SHOULD GO BACK DOWN THERE--
NO.
THERE COULD BE SURVIVORS--
NO.
WE'VE ALREADY HELPED DIG OUT ALL THE BODIES.
THEN WHAT ARE WE STILL DOING HERE IF WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING?
WE'RE HERE FOR THE SAME REASON HE'S HERE.
WHO?
TRACK THE HELICOPTER WITH JUST YOUR EYES AND LET THE CYBERNETIC SYSTEM ZOOM IN FOR YOU.
I'M NOT SEEING ANY--
OH.
HIS OFFICE CALLED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AS HE WAS LEAVING. THEY WANTED ME TO BE HERE. THEY WANTED ME TO SEE WHAT HE SAW, AS HE WAS SEEING IT--

HE ASKED ME, STRAIGHT-UP, IF I WAS BACK TO BEING IRON MAN.
AND YOU--
I TOLD HIM YES, PETER.
YOU WHAT?
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ASKED ME A QUESTION, PETER.
I TOLD HIM THE TRUTH.
I TOLD HIM I WAS IRON MAN.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE WORST OF IT, PETER. NOT TODAY. NOT BY A LONG SIGHT.
NOT FOR ME--
--AND NOT FOR YOU.
BUT...I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED AT STAMFORD.
DOESN'T MATTER.
THE WORLD WHERE THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE JUST ENDED. THE RULES HAVE CHANGED, AND ONCE THE PRESIDENT SIGNS THAT ACT, THOSE RULES BECOME LAW.
HERE'S HOW IT'S GOING TO WORK FROM THIS DAY ON, PETER:

"EVERYBODY--EVERYBODY--IN A MASK IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT OFF, REVEAL HIMSELF, AND REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT."
"GOOD GUYS AND BAD GUYS?"
"YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, PETER--
"--RIGHT NOW, IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT, FOR AS LONG AS WE REMAIN ANONYMOUS--
"--WE'RE ALL BAD GUYS.
"THOSE WHO REFUSE TO COMPLY WILL BE HUNTED DOWN AND ARRESTED... ALONG WITH ANYONE WHO AIDED OR ABETTED THEM IN KEEPING THEIR IDENTITIES SECRET.
"THEIR ASSETS WILL BE FROZEN, THEIR HOMES SEIZED.
"AND FINALLY, THEY WILL BE JAILED. IMPRISONED.
"SOME, POTENTIALLY, FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME."

THIS IS GOING TO SPLIT THE POWERED COMMUNITY RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE, PETER. AND I HAVE TO KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.
I STAND WITH YOU, TONY. I TOLD YOU THAT. I MADE A PROMISE. I DON'T DO THAT SORT OF THING LIGHTLY.
I KNOW.
PETER, I *HAVE* TO TAKE THE LEAD IN MAKING THE OTHER POWERS REGISTER. IF I DON'T, SOMEONE ELSE WORSE WILL. AND FRANKLY... I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO AT THIS POINT.
I WANT YOU AT MY SIDE, PETER. BUT I NEED YOU AS BOTH PETER...AND SPIDER-MAN.
OPENLY.
BOSS...?
TONY...?
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU *SAYING?*
I'M SAYING THAT, BECAUSE OF MY POSITION, I HAVE TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS ON THE UP-AND-UP. THAT MEANS THAT THE ONLY WAY THAT PETER PARKER CAN WORK WITH ME--
--IS IF SPIDER-MAN UNMASKS.
I CAN'T...DON'T ASK THAT OF ME. ANYTHING ELSE, BUT NOT THAT.
IT'S NOT ME ASKING, PETER. IF YOU *DON'T* UNMASK, YOU'LL BE JUST LIKE THE OTHER POWERS WHO DEFY THE LAW.
WANTED CRIMINALS. HUNTED. JAILED. NOT JUST YOU, BUT MJ AND YOUR AUNT, BECAUSE THEY'D BE CONSIDERED ACCOMPLICES.

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